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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 167  
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Coach Hugh Freeze and the 2000-2001 Briarcrest Christian School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association Division II State Tournament.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize exceptional athletic teams, those which work hard, overcome obstacles and emerge triumphant; and

WHEREAS, The great 2000-2001 Briarcrest High School girls' basketball team recently concluded a very memorable season by winning the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, *Fox Sports* ranked Briarcrest the ninth best team in the nation and *USA Today* ranked them the tenth best team in the nation; and

WHEREAS, They won the Tennessee/Arkansas Challenge, beating Fort Smith Northside 66-48 and West Memphis 79-44; and

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WHEREAS, In the rugged Nike Tournament of Champions, the Saints finished second, defeating Whitney Young, California 85-37, Campbell County, Wyoming 53-46, and Oregon City, Oregon 76-60; and

WHEREAS, The Briarcrest girls next won the Greene County Classic, beating Jefferson County 58-34, Bradley Central 70-62, Mt. Juliet 48-40, and Archbishop Carroll High School, Pennsylvania 72-57; and

WHEREAS, This tremendously talented team next won the Southern Shootout, easily beating Starkville, Mississippi 69-32, Madison 69-28, and Jackson Academy 81-25; and

WHEREAS, The Saints won the Division II Region W Tournament, easily beating St. Mary's 79-18, St. Benedict 74-30, and Harding 56-20; and

WHEREAS, The Green and Gold next captured their Sectional, beating Battle Ground Academy 80-51; and

WHEREAS, Making their fourth straight appearance, this outstanding team won the coveted State Tournament Title, impressively beating Harpeth Hall 57-38 and Baylor 78-48; and

WHEREAS, The Saints finished with a rare 35-1 record, a fantastic .972 percentage; and

WHEREAS, The Seniors had a combined record of 128 wins and only 10 losses, a winning percentage of .928 for all four years; and

WHEREAS, Highly regarded Head Coach Hugh Freeze and his fine Assistant Coach, Rick Orr, have performed their duties expertly, molding the natural talent of the squad into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, The team leaders were: Senior forward Ashley Early, who was selected a Naismith Finalist, WBCA All-American, *Parade* All-American, *USA Today* top 25 Seniors, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Miss Basketball, and State Tournament Most Valuable Player; Senior guard Laura Mitchell, a Miss Basketball Finalist, First Team All-State

and First Team All-Region; and Sophomore center Jada Mincy, All-State Tournament and First Team All-Region; and

WHEREAS, The other members of the storied squad were: Seniors guard Laura Giordano, forward Lisa Brown, forward Danielle Bates, guard Jayna Kelly, and center Carrie Graf; Juniors guard Josie Rote, guard Allison Gordon, forward Jenny Golden, and forward Emily Morris, each of whom made a significant contribution to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, Briarcrest has been fortunate to have the services of their hard-working manager, Lance Boiling, and the diligent trainer, John Rose; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to recognize this great team on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Hugh Freeze and the 2000-2001 Briarcrest Christian School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II State Tournament and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.